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SOURCE Kommunist, No. 240, 1949.YEREVAN PARTY GROUP TRAINS VKP(b) CANDIDATES

The primary Party organization of the Yerevan Polytechnical Institute named Karl Marx is considering 42 candidates for membership in the VKP(b). The Party organization is constantly concerned with their training and aids them in every way to prepare for entrance into the Party.

Faculty Party organizations and the Party bureau of the institute strive to include every young Communist, from the first day of his entry into the ranks of the Party, in the genuine school of Bolshevik education. Through regularly conducted conversations with Party candidates, the secretary and members of the bureau of the Party organization make clear to them the fact that the candidate stage is set up so that the young Communist can go through the school of Bolshevik "partyism" and become acquainted with the Program and Rules of the VKP(b), the fundamental decisions of the Party, and its current tasks.

Ideological indoctrination and political enlightenment are of prime importance in the preparation of candidates for entrance into the VKP(b). Candidates and members of the VKP(b) who are taking advanced courses absorb Marxist-Leninist theory by independent study. To aid them the Party organization assigns, as qualified consultants, instructors in the chairs of Marxism-Leninism and political economy, each of whom directs five to seven persons. For young Communist students in first and second-year courses, circles are organized to study the biographies of Lenin and Stalin.

Along with the study of the biographies of these great leaders and the lessons of Marxism-Leninism, a group of 20 young Party candidates was set up to study the Rules and Program of the VKP(b). Conversations on current affairs, Party and government decisions, and also on "What is Party Discipline?" "The Rights and Duties of Party Members and Candidates," and "The Party Mission" broaden the political outlook of candidates and Party members.

Experience has shown that the reading and discussion of reports is one of the best methods of raising the ideological-political level of Communists. The best-prepared Party candidates work on reports. A qualified consultant was assigned to aid them in improving their writing, setting up plans, and noting

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knotty problems in these reports. It is decided at meetings of the Party "aktiv" which Communists will work on what papers and when they will be read. This generates a feeling of responsibility in the Communist for the quality of the paper, and also draws the attention of the whole Party organization to the work of the young Communist. Several candidates have read excellent reports on "Basic Features of the Marxian Dialectical Method," "The Victory of the Great October Socialist Revolution," and "V. I. Lenin's Book, Chto Delat', and the Ideological Foundations of the Bolshevik Party." Discussion of these reports was lively, with active participation by many Communists and non-Party students.

The Party organization is concerned with giving the candidate experience in organizational and political work and seeing how he fulfills his Party mission. Party missions are assigned in the Yerevan organization, as they should be, at sessions of the Party bureau in the presence of the candidates. Here a comrade receives advice on the best way to organize and carry out his mission and on how to draw active non-Party people into the work. This increases the importance of the Party mission and gives the candidate a chance to feel that he is being given responsible duties and is taking an active part in the Party organization. In line with this, candidates are often assigned to individual short-term missions.

Several good examples can be given to show how, in carrying out Party missions, young Communists grow, show their abilities, acquire good habits of organizational and political work, and broaden their outlook. Checking on how missions are carried out, the Party organization follows the development of every Party candidate and gradually assigns more serious tasks to him. For example, Party candidate Comrade A. Arakelyan carried out several missions in aiding the Komsomol organization of the mechanics faculty and is now a member of the Komsomol Committee of the institute. Party candidates Comrades M. Martirosyan and V. Khemchyan completed individual missions connected with chats on organization and with publication of the wall newspaper, after which they were promoted to agitator positions. They have now been elected secretaries of the faculty Komsomol organizations. Candidate Comrade C. Aramyan was commissioned by the Party bureau to assist in the organization of a student scientific society and is now director of that society. Another candidate, Comrade K. Sarkisyan, is directing a section of a student scientific society of the mechanics faculty. Candidates Comrades A. Arasyan and E. Kafaryan have coped well with their mission of directing DOSARM and DOSAV primary organizations at the institute.

The practice at Party meetings of listening to reports by secretaries of faculty Party organizations on how Communists fulfill their Party missions justifies itself.

The Party organization tries to train young Communists primarily for the vanguard role in studies and for all-round preparation as qualified specialists. This also determines the nature of Party missions. Many missions are connected with the participation of Party candidates and members in the student scientific society, aiding backward students, cooperation with professor and instructors, and the organization of the educational process.

Most Party candidates are outstanding students and take an active part in the work of the student scientific society. They attend scientific conferences and give reports on questions of practical scientific significance.

Young Communists must study the work of the whole Party organization. The Party meeting plays an important educational role in this regard. Along with Party members, candidates take part in preparing and discussing questions at Party meetings. At one meeting K. Sarkisyan, Party candidate and student of the mechanics faculty, proposed establishing close ties with industry and aiding workers and foremen in improving industrial methods and operational procedures.

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The Party organization discussed a proposal that the mechanical faculty of the institute become the patron of various shops of the Plant imeni Dzerzhinskiy and others.

Drawing Party candidates into active work and watching their development, the Party organization helps them to prepare for membership in the VKP(b). In the past year, 21 persons became Party members.

Aside from this, however, there are serious shortcomings in the education of Party candidates and members. The Party bureau of the institute and the faculty Party organization still do not know how to draw all Communists into active work. Since the beginning of the new school year the Party organization has been working out measures for increasing educational work with young Communists and drawing them into active Party life. -- A. Ogenesyan, secretary, Party bureau, Yerevan Polytechnical Institute imeni K. Marx.

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